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SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" In view of the fact that the coir industry has collapsed in Malabar, will the Government be pleased to reduce this enhancement? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It has been reduced to some extent. Further reduction will be considered in view of the fact that the coir industry has not been very prosperous."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" Is the increase from Rupees 2–1–4 to Rs. 310–15–0 compatible with equity and justice, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" We are trying to mete out justice, Sir."

Training centres for village guides under community projects.

* 1203 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) how many Village Guides are being trained for the Community Projects and how many are Harijans; and

(b) how many centres are maintained, how many Principals and Vice-Principals have been appointed and the cost of maintaining each centre?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) The first batch of Village Guides numbering 93 have completed the training of 6 months and of these 3 are Harijans.

" (*b*) Three training centres are maintained. They are located at Peddapuram, Parli and Gandhigram.

The centres at Parli and Peddapuram have got a Principal each, while the Gandhigram centre has got an Honorary Principal and a full paid Vice-Principal.

The estimated expenditure on each centre is as follows :—

	First year.	*Second year.*	*Third year.*	*Fourth year.*
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Peddapuram ..	1,88,964	88,964	58,964	58,964
Parli ..	1,88,964	88,964	58,964	58,964
Gandhigram ..	1,86,492	86,492	56,492	56,492 "

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Chief Minister how the Community Project Scheme will help the landless poor and especially the Scheduled Castes? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, this is an all round development plan and the development in the project areas is bound to assist the landless poor in the area."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether in the matter of recruitment, the Communal Government Order is being observed because considering the large number of guides recruited I find the recruitment among the Harijans is very small and negligible? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There is no question of any Communal Government Order in this connexion. But every attempt is made to give an opportunity to all classes to take part in this work. But when we are recruiting people as guides we have to include in our consideration many other points of view besides communal equity and distribution of favours."

SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know, Sir, the number of guides that were given training in Parli and may I also know whether an independent officer or the District Educational Officer is holding the charge of principal? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, this is purely an administrative detail. I would recommed the hon. Member to write to me and I shall give him the required information."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know, how many of these guides belong to the backward classes? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is not possible for me to have a classified lists of these guides on a communal basis. If the hon. Member has got any specific complaint, I shall look into it."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" What are the duties of these guides and what is the policy of their service? " 8-50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it is an All-India plan and I would commend the hon. Member to read the All-India plan about Community Projects. These guides are very important links in the chain of work and service which is involved in the Community Development Project. They have to learn many things and to teach many things to the local villagers."

Supply of foodgrains through ration shops in Malabar.

* 1204 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there was any breakdown in the supply of foodgrains through ration shops anywhere in Malabar in the second week of May 1953 and more especially in ration shops under Vadavannur Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Palghat taluk?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There was no breakdown of supply of foodgrains as alleged.

" The facts are that sufficient stocks of rice were not available for issue to the cardholders on 9th May 1953 in some of the ration shops run by the Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society due to the fact that the Society failed to move promptly the stocks allotted to it. The stocks were replenished late on the same day. There was no further trouble."